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Application No.: 10/717,207      Group Art Unit: 2838

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Title: BIDIRECTIONAL POWER CONVERTER FOR BALANCING STATE  
OF CHARGE AMONG SERIES CONNECTED ELECTRICAL  
ENERGY STORAGE UNITS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [X] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	22	MINUS *	22	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			

\* not fewer than 20

\*\* not fewer than 3

## SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 25	\$ 0
X	\$ 100	\$ 0
+	\$ 180	\$

TOTAL= \$ 0

OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 50	\$
X	\$ 200	\$
+	\$ 360	\$

TOTAL= \$ 0

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## SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Total Amount Owed
X \$125	\$[ ]

OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Total Amount Owed
X \$250	\$[ ]

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### Petition for Extension of Time

[X] Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005 for two months from March 16, 2006 to May 16, 2006. The appropriate fee is set forth below.

[ ] [For action-specific language in an extension of time, go to insert, file, public folders, firm templates, and select the appropriate paragraph.]

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	TOTAL:	\$	<u>0</u>

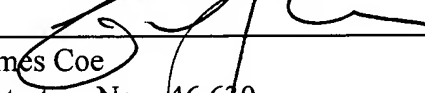
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	Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement	\$	<u>180</u>
	_____	\$	_____
	TOTAL:	\$	<u>405</u>

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Respectfully submitted,

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